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Sen. Cassis presents entrepreneurship award to Novi businesswoman

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LANSING—State Sen. Nancy Cassis, R-Novi, welcomed Linda Blair of Novi to the state Capitol Thursday for the 2006 Women's Bipartisan Bicameral Entrepreneurship Action Day.

"Linda Blair deserves this award," said Cassis. "Through her work, she has had a hand in improving the quality of life for people across the state. I can't think of a more deserving entrepreneur."

Each female legislator nominated a woman from their district whose business has "enhanced and served" the community. Nominated by Cassis, Blair is senior vice president of business strategy for ITCTransmission, the entity in Novi that transmits the power into and throughout southeast Michigan.

In May, ITCTransmission's parent company signed an agreement to acquire Michigan Electric Transmission Company, a move that is expected to create approximately 200 jobs and improve the reliability of electric power across the state.

Thursday's event centered on a luncheon where each woman was presented the 2006 Women's Bipartisan Bicameral Entrepreneurship Action Day Award.

A photo of Sen. Cassis presenting the Action Day Award to Linda Blair is available at:

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